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Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
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Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter Group Art Unit: 3731  
Docket No.: 102

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Dear Examiner Baxter:

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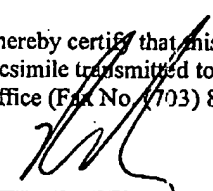
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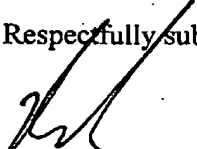
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